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IN REVIEW

At the Fall Board of Directors meeting behind us and the year drawing towards its end, it seems an appropriate time to step back and review our progress.

1999 has been a year of both incremental and dramatic changes for USA Gymnastics. We have completed a total review and evaluation of all operations and personnel. We have raised expectations and accountability for all of our associates and they will be measured against a much higher standard.

But perhaps the most important effort undertaken has been in the area of strategy and in the communication of that strategy. No organization can thrive if the various components of that organization are not pointed in the same direction. Many of my friends in this sport have commented over the years about how USA Gymnastics has been too remote and its objectives difficult to comprehend. We have worked hard to ensure that all of our resources and programs have been better aligned to achieve our three major objectives: **models, growth and viability.**

This means that, when our teams don't perform in the manner which we expect, they are held to a higher standard and changes are made to ensure that standard will be met in the future. This means that our staff works constantly to help provide real support and value to our member clubs and gymnasts, which translates into the new web-based programs and health care opportunities announced this summer. And this means that we will have more network television events and better, more consistent public relations programs to better deliver the message of a thriving, exciting, wonderful sport to the general public.

As we move into the next Millennium, our goals are only going to become increasingly ambitious. Expect that we will be approaching all of you to enter into partnerships to help us help you promote your club, build your business, and build the USA Gymnastics brand. The first of these efforts was implemented in December as Mike Karsigi and I flew to two separate regions to promote our events as well as the clubs' role and participation in those events.

I ask you to take a moment and review the activities and accomplishments of the past year. Our staff is trying even harder to earn your trust and respect, and we hope you don't hesitate to share any feedback, either positive or negative, with my office so we can continue this ongoing dialogue and ensure that we all understand the direction in which we are going.

Thanks again to my staff for their hard work and to all of you for your continued support.

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The 11th World Gymnastrada was held in Göteborg, Sweden in July 1999. All in all, 12,000 participants from 39 countries enjoyed a fantastic week of performing, spectating, socializing, and fun!

The World Gymnastrada is a non-competitive event with the goal of furthering the spread of General Gymnastics worldwide. This year the smallest group came from Bangladesh with nine participants and the biggest delegation came from Switzerland with 4,340 participants.

The USA delegation included 467 children, youth and adults ranging in age from 5 to 79 years. The following U.S. gymnastics clubs were represented:

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MARRAS (Texas)**

**BIGBET
GYMNASTICS (Texas)**

**CAPITAL GYMNASTICS
(Texas)**

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GYMNASTICS (Georgia)**

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USA Gymnastics has already started preparing for the 12th World Gymnastrada that will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in 2003. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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VISION To inspire and enable our members to achieve excellence in the sport of gymnastics and in life.

THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION

The mission of USA Gymnastics is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of gymnastics.

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- Build the base
- Promote the sport
- Achieve a competitive success



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CAROB VERSUS CHOCOLATE

Some candy bars are coated with carob in place of chocolate. Carob is obtained from the seed pods of a tree and is also called St. John's bread. Candy or other sweet products made with carob are more often found in health food stores, and some people think carob is a healthier choice. However, there is nothing to back up this claim. The only real difference is that carob does not contain the alkaloids found in chocolate, which have the effect of caffeine.

While cocoa butter, the fat in chocolate, is highly saturated, many studies show that this fat does not raise serum cholesterol. Any type of fat may be added to carob, and the total fat and calorie counts are usually identical to those of a chocolate bar.

There is nothing wrong with carob as a substitute for chocolate, but it is not healthier. Nutritionally, both are snacks that should be consumed sparingly.

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VENDING MACHINES

Vending machines can be a lifesaver for hunger in some instances, but behind that shiny machine looks a high-fat trap. Dining by pushing buttons is not very appetizing, and it can leave you feeling unsatisfied while giving you mainly fat calories. Hopefully, through smart snacking, your hunger attack can be avoided. Chart 1 lists different types of foods that can be found in a vending machine and their fat content. Note that many of the foods in a vending machine are between 65-68% fat and it is no reason



snacking takes just as much planning as your meal planning. Reading labels and becoming smart about the snack foods that you choose will help you learn to make smart food choices as an athlete, as well as future food choices for a life after gymnastics!

CHART 1

FOOD	% CALORIES FROM FAT
Pepsi Diet and This Diet vs.	55%
Pepsi Original 1 vs.	48%
Lyle's 100 Cane 1 vs.	52%
Quaker White Oats 1 lb vs.	48%
Better Snack 1 vs.	52%
Gold Medal Protein 1 lb vs.	7%
Butterfinger 2.1 vs.	29%
MMM Peanut 1.75 vs.	48%
MMM Peas 1 1/2 vs.	29%
Golden's Snack Mix 1.75 vs.	44%
Starline 2.12 vs.	8%
Granola 100 1.7 vs.	22%
Wheat Valley Granola 1.7 vs.	44%
Peanut Butter One Day Candy 2 vs.	24%

This excerpt was reprinted from the Athlete's Cookbook, which is sold through USA Gymnastics for \$14.95 and is now free! For information on ordering the Athlete's Cookbook, contact Member Services at 1-800-733-0707.

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1999 FUTURE STARS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1999 Future Stars National Championships was held November 12-13,

at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This competition features the best 10-11 division and 12 year old division athletes from across the United States competing the Future Stars Compulsory Routines.

By Dennis McElroy

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The Future Stars Program includes competition

in the six Olympic events for men plus flexibility and special strength routines for the still rings and parallel bars. The Future Stars National

Championships is a two day event with the first day featuring competition in the two age divisions and the second day a workshop and clinic for participating athletes, coaches and parents. The workshop and clinic features

presentations by members of the Junior National Coaching Staff, sports science specialists and

special guest expert clinicians.

As in the past, this year's competition was an exciting one with many great performances by these very special young men.

10 YEAR OLD RESULTS

PL	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EQ	VN	PE	BB	ST	V	FE	BE	SB	TTA	SA
1	Ali	Arifian	United Gymnastics	3	8.80	8.80	9.00	8.85	9.75	9.55	8.85	8.85	78.60
2	Don	Carstens	Early School of Arts	3	8.80	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	78.00
3	Don	Don	Donnellville	3	9.10	8.30	8.75	9.10	9.75	9.00	9.75	9.10	85.00
4	Waters	Isabel	Whispering Will of Vero	3	8.45	8.80	8.80	9.00	8.95	9.00	8.95	8.95	77.90
5	Connell	Julia	Mid-Southern Club	3	8.80	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.75	9.00	9.00	77.80
6	Smith	Isabel	Los Angeles City	3	9.05	7.95	8.90	9.00	9.05	9.00	8.50	8.90	77.05
7	McDonald	Adrian	Capital Gymnastics	2	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.75	8.80	8.75	8.80	76.80
8	McDonald	Chloe	Springfield Village	4	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	76.80
9	Carroll	Joseph	Atlanta Sports Club	3	7.65	8.75	8.75	8.80	9.00	8.80	9.10	8.80	76.50
10	Wagner	Joan	Red Fox Gym	3	8.20	7.70	8.20	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.95	8.80	74.75
11	Wagner	Christopher	Beacon Gym, Inc.	3	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.75	8.80	8.80	8.80	74.50
12	Wagner	Joseph	Red Fox Gym	3	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	74.50
13	Carroll	Joan	Red Fox Gym	3	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	74.50
14	Carroll	Joseph	Red Fox Gym	3	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	74.50
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FEBRUARY

4-6 RHYTHMIC CHALLENGE & INVITATIONAL (R) Cala, Springs, CO	11-12 USA GYMNASIICS WINTER CUP CHALLENGE RE-RANKING (M & TR SR) Las Vegas, NV	18-20 AMERICAN CLASSIC & CHALLENGE (W) Brook, NY
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MARCH

31 - APRIL 1 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (M) Iowa City, IA



23 OLYMPIC TEST EVENT (TR) Sydney, AUS	24-27 OLYMPIC TEST EVENT (M/W) Sydney, AUS	26 VISA AMERICAN CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS (M/W) Orlando, FL
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APRIL



6-8 USA GYMNASIICS COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (M/W) Simpson, AZ (AGU)	8 USA GYMNASIICS NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT (W) Mt. Pleasant, MI Central Mich. Univ.	8-9 LEVEL 9/10 REGIONALS (W) Marion, IL LEVEL 10 REGIONALS (W) Marion, IL	13-15 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (W) Baton, ID
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MAY

20-25 SR. PACIFIC ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (M/W/TR) Chesham, NZ	28-30 LEVEL 9 EAST/WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS (W) East-Brookline Heights, OH West-Brookline, OH
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4-7 J.O. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (M) Austin, TX	5-7 J.O. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (W) Lawson, MI	11-15 USOC OLYMPIC MEDIA SUMMIT (M/W/TR) Houston, Texas	12-14 J.O. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL & GROUP (R) Seattle, WA
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MAY-SEPT. MALL TOUR (M/W/TR) TBD

JUNE

1-4 WOMEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHES SEMINAR (W) Chicago, IL	3-4 LEVEL 9 CHAMPIONSHIPS (R) Houston, TX	16-20 J.O. NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING CAMP (M) TENTATIVE Cala, Springs, CO	23-25 U.S. CHALLENGE (W) TBD
		24-25 RHYTHMIC WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS (R) W. Bloomfield, MI	TBD GYM-2000 GYMFEST (GG) Kinston, NC
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JULY

7-9

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Tulsa, OK

8-9

RHYTHMIC EAST
CHAMPIONSHIPS (R)
TBD

22-23

WORLD CUP
COMPETITION (TU)
Edmonton, Alberta

26-29

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CHAMPIONSHIPS
(M/W/R/TU)
St. Louis, MO

AUGUST

TBD

U.S. NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS (TU/TH)
TBD

TBD

WORLD CUP
COMPETITION (TU)
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SEPTEMBER

16-OCTOBER 1

OLYMPIC GAMES (M/W/R/TH)
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OCTOBER

14
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CUP
New Orleans, LA

TBD-TBD
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POST-OLYMPIC TOUR
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EVENT	TV DATE	NETWORK	TIME (EST)
RCA GYMNASTICS CHALLENGE January 14 ■ Las Vegas, NV	January 16	NBC Sports	2:00-4:00 p.m.
AUSLIE HAUCKE GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL January 29 ■ St. Petersburg, FL	February 5	NBC Sports	3:30-5:30 p.m.
YUSA AMERICAN CUP FINALS February 26 ■ Orlando, Florida	February 26 (Sat)	NBC Sports	4:00-6:00 p.m.
JOHN HANCOCK U.S. GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS July 26-29 ■ St. Louis, Missouri	July 29 (W) July 30 (W) August 5 (M)	NBC Sports	8:00-9:00 p.m. 7:00-8:00 p.m. 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS August 13-20 ■ Boston, Mass. p.m.	August 19 (W) August 20 (M) August 20 (M)	NBC Sports	8:00-10:00 2:00-4:00 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m.
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BISSE'S GYMNASTICS CUP October 20 ■ New Orleans, La.	November 10	NBC Sports	2:00-4:00 p.m.
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PONTIAC INTERNATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS November 10-17 ■ Richmond, Va.	December 16 (M) December 17 (W)	NBC Sports	2:00-4:00 p.m. 3:00-4:00 p.m.
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All dates and events subject to change or cancellation.

HE'S BACK! Bela Karolyi

By Courtney Carson



Bela Karolyi

is back in action in American women's gymnastics.

Bela, who coached legendary gymnasts including Nadia Comaneci, Mary Lou Retton, Kim Zmeskal, Kerri Strug and Dominique Moceanu, just to name a few, retired after the 1996 Olympic Team's gold medal success, but he's back in a newly created position as the USA Gymnastics Women's National Team Coordinator. Bela, along with the assistance of his wife, Martha, and the National Team Coaching Staff will lead the USA Gymnastics Team to Sydney, which is only a short time away.

In his new role, Bela will design the overall training program and oversee the preparation of the team heading into the 2000 Games. He will also be available as an advisor to the individual coaches of the national team athletes. He will play an integral role in the final composition of the Olympic team. However, Bela will not be named as Olympic Coach, a title reserved for one of the personal coaches selected to the staff.

USA Gymnastics President Bob Colaninno said, "Bela's wealth of knowledge and experience will be invaluable as we prepare our team for Sydney. Bela has successfully guided dozens of Olympic and World Champions and his credibility in the international gymnastics community remains unmatched. In his new role, Bela will keep the women's team on track in its push toward excellence."

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faces IN THE gym

KRISTIE ANN LOWELL BRAND PARK, ILLINOIS

Kristie, age 7, member of Tumbling Co. USA, is the only two-year-old to have won the USA Girls Championships in tumbling, trampolining and double mini. She also has won two USA and three AAA National Championships. She will be competing for the AAA National Team in February of 2000 and will begin competing on the gymnastics team.



STEPHEN SONGHURST NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA

Stephen, 10 years old, member of American Academy and is coached by Christine Rogers. In his last 7-10 year old season, Stephen finished second all-around and first on pommel horse at the 1999 USA National Championships, held in Orlando. His personal record all-around at the 1999 AAA National State Championships.

STACY SENKO AND VALERIE GULIEGE HOUSTON, TEXAS

Stacy Senko (left) and Valerie Guliege (right) of Coast Gymnastics in Santa Fe, Texas, took first and second place in the 11-year-old division of Level 6 at the National Judges' Cup held on November 6th in the 1st Stacy placed first on beam and second on vault, bars and floor. Valerie placed first on beam and first on vault, bars and floor. Their teams placed first in the large team competition.



LAUREN MAY VICTORIA, TEXAS

Lauren, 15, is a Level 8 gymnast who competes in tumbling and trampolining. She competed last season as a Level 7 and in the South Texas State Meet she won fourth place on the double mini trampoline. She also qualified in Berkeley in California. She is her first year of competitive gymnastics. She trains at Mustang Gymnastics Complex in Victoria, Texas.

MEGAN BURDA WYOMINGTON, MICHIGAN

Megan has been in gymnastics 11 years and is a Level 8 gymnast. At the 1999 Level 7 State Meet she placed first in the all-around with a score of 24.95 and was joint fourth on vault with a score of 14.75. She also took consolation beam (14.54) and floor (14.64). She is currently a Peoria Kidz in United Gymnastics.



COURTNEY GEISE EVANSTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Courtney, 10, earned her first big medal at the Keystone State Games in May 1999. Competing at Level 6, Courtney received an all-around medal in gold medal. She also qualified to compete in the 1999 State Games of America. She trains two days a week at Berksville USA Gymnastics Center in Berksville, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT WOODWARD MILLSBORO, OHIO

Robert, 13, from Olympic Gymnastics Academy, moved up to Class V this year, after only two years in gymnastics. He has a remarkable 100% success last year which included scoring a 10 on floor at the Team City Challenge. Robert won all six events and the all-around at the 1999 Ohio Championships. Robert is coached by Leonard Gray and Scott Jaeger. Robert also wants to be the future coach in addition with parents, teammates, military and others.



SHELBY PRUETT HAWVER, PAID, ILLINOIS

Shelby, 11, is a Level 7 gymnast competing Capital Gymnastics. Shelby has been in gymnastics since she was 4. She competed Level 5 last year taking three all-around titles with a score of 24.75. She is excited about being a Level 7 this year and completed her first meet in a Level 7, scoring a 28.00. She loves school, gymnastics and playing to compete in the summer.

VANESSA MAYEN ATA DORA, CALIFORNIA

Vanessa, 13, trains at Olympic City Gymnastics, home of the Olympic Games. She is her first two competitors in 1999 on a Level 6 in the place first on beam with a score of 14.4 and 14.4. She also placed first and third on the all-around. At the 1999 California State Championships, Vanessa placed fourth with all-around.



CHRISTA SCHMITT CHICOVILL, MICHIGAN

Christa, 12, is a member of ACU Education, Chubbuck Park and Recreation. She competed by Dr. Dore Gymnastics. At the 1999 Level 5 State Meet she took first in the all-around and was team and floor plus team third on vault. She will last season finished the large team division throughout State Champions. She currently training level 6 and practices 10-14 hours per week.

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meet the rhythmic national team

By Lisa Pozzani

Ever wonder who makes up the Rhythmic National Team? Below you can read about each of the Rhythmic National Team members and find out where they train, where they go to school, what their hobbies are and much more. The gymnasts qualify to the National Team based on their ranking from the Rhythmic National Championships, which took place June 25-27, 1999 in Downers Grove, Illinois.

JESSICA HOWARD
HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE:
Jacksonville, Florida
DATE OF BIRTH: February 4, 1984
CLUB: International Rhythmic
Gymnastics
COACH: Ekaterina Arakelova
SCHOOL: Home School—10th
grade
BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1991
FAVORITE EVENT: All
HOBBIES: Reading, ballet,
movies, chess, computer and
church activities.

In September 1998, Jessica made the all-around final at her first World Championships competition. She is the 1999 Rhythmic Senior National Champion and was the Junior silver medalist in 1998. She took second all-around at the 1999 Pan American Games and was sixth all-around at the Four Continents Championships, where she won the bronze medal for her hoop routine. She's the oldest of four sisters.

**TATYANA
BRIKULSKAYA**
HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE:
Saratov, Russia; New York
DATE OF BIRTH: February 2, 1983
CLUB: Russian Rhythmic
Gymnastics
COACH: Natalya Rivenko
SCHOOL: New Academy of
Physical Culture and Sports
(completed 2 years)

**RYAN
GYMNASTICS: 1987**
FAVORITE EVENT: All
HOBBIES: Reading, chess
Jeffress was born and
raised in Dobson,
Massachusetts. She
emigrated to the USA
with her family in 1990.
Ryan took fourth all-around at the 1999
Four Continents
Championships and
won the silver medal
on her ball routine. She
won the 1999
Rhythmic Challenge
and was the all-around
silver medalist at the
1999 Rhythmic National
Championships.

KATE JEFFRESS
HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE:
Rockville, Maryland
DATE OF BIRTH: April 5, 1983
CLUB: Rhythmic
COACH: Olga Kutsurova



Brikulskaya



Howard

SCHOOL: Rockville High School—11th grade
BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1990
FAVORITE EVENT: All
HOBBIES: Shopping, hanging out with friends, baking
Kate is the 1997 Rhythmic Junior National Champion and bronze medalist at the 1999 Rhythmic Senior National Championships.

She was a member of the 1999 Rhythmic World Championships team. She took fifth all-around and tied in ball at the 1999 Pan American Games. At the 1999 Goodwill Games, Kate was eighth in the all-around. Kate's younger sister, Cori, is a member of the Rhythmic Junior National Team.

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MILA MARINOVA

HOMETOWN: Sofia, Bulgaria
RESIDENCE: Jacksonville, Florida
DATE OF BIRTH: June 3, 1974
CLUB: International Rhythmic Gymnastics
COACH: Elisavinda Angelova
BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1980
FAVORITE EVENT: Ball
HOBBSSES: Swimming, music and dance

Mila moved from Bulgaria to the USA in 1992 and now resides in Jacksonville along with her husband and son. She decided to make a comeback to the sport because she missed it! She was the all-around bronze medalist at the 1997 Rhythmic World Championships and silver medalist in ball hoop and club. She took second all-around at the 1997 World Cup and 1999 Goodwill Games. Mila was fourth all-around at the 1999 U.S. Rhythmic Championships.

MEAGHAN MULLER

HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE: Roswell, Georgia
DATE OF BIRTH: April 14, 1976
CLUB: Atlanta Int'l Rhythmic Gymnastics Center
COACH: Maria Davalovich
SCHOOL: University of Georgia—Junior

BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1980-artist, 1983 rhythmic
FAVORITE EVENT: All
HOBBSSES: Baking, dancing and swimming
 Meaghan was a member of the 1997 Rhythmic World Championships team. She placed eighth all-around at the 1997 Senior Pan American Championships. Meaghan placed seventh all-around at the 1998 Rhythmic National Championships. Meaghan was a Level 8/10 artist gymnast but switched to rhythmic in 1997 due to a shoulder injury.

HEILIE ISAACS

HOMETOWN: Robbinsdale, Minnesota
RESIDENCE: Orem, Utah
DATE OF BIRTH: August 11, 1984
CLUB: International Gymnastics Training Center
COACH: Irene Kim
SCHOOL: Harris School
BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1990-artist, 1994 rhythmic
FAVORITE EVENT: Floor
HOBBSSES: Poetry, swimming, reading, biking
 Heilie took fifth all-around at the 1997 Four Continents Championships and was the



bronze medal all-around in the junior division. She placed eighth all-around at the 1999 Senior Rhythmic National Championships. Heilie is the youngest of three daughters in her family. She switched from artistic gymnastics to rhythmic gymnastics in 1994 when a coach



discouraged her to make the change.

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TOP GYM International Junior Tournament

By Carolyn Iida

Gymnasts **HOLLIE VISE** and **KATLYN WHITE** along with their coach Eugene Marchenko from World Olympic Gymnastics in Plano, Texas, traveled to Charleroi, Belgium, October 30-31 for the Top Gym International Junior Tournament.

The event included many top gymnasts from Belgium, Canada, Chile, France, Holland, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, Wales, and of course the USA.

Hollie, 11, was competing in her second international competition and Katlyn, 12, was competing in her first. Hollie took fourth place in the all-around on the first day of competition and was third on bars and floor during the second day. Katlyn was second on vault during the second day of competition.

Romania's Dana Ban took first in the all-around followed by Russia's Anna Khrepelova and Ukraine's Natalcha Serbatska.



Hollie Vise



Katlyn White



SWISS CUP AND DTB POKAL

Sean Townsend and his coach Kevin Mueller from Team Texas-Houston, Houston Gymnastics Academy, travelled to Zurich and Stuttgart, Germany, for the Swiss Cup and DTB Pokal competitions over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Sean qualified to event finals on vault in both events. He accomplished 9.000 for eighth place in the Swiss Cup and he scored a 9.175 for seventh at the DTB event. Sean scored a 9.35 on parallel bars at the Swiss Cup which tied him for eighth, however due to the tie-breaking procedures, he dropped to ninth and was unable to compete in the final. Many of the best athletes from the World Championships participated in these two events so these were good results for Sean.



Photo: Sean Townsend/Houston Gymnastics Academy

At the Swiss Cup, Sean was first on floor (9.750), Russia's Alexei Nemov was second on floor (9.750), Hungary's

Szilveszter Csallany took the rings title (9.750), Russia's Alexei Bortnikov was sixth (9.600), Switzerland's Dieter Haber finished first on parallel bars (9.575), and Ukraine's Oleksandr Horodnyuk earned gold on high bar (9.750).

At the DTB Cup, Sean was first on floor (9.600), Romania's Marius Ureanu took parallel bars (9.625), Csallany was first on rings (9.750), Spain's Gerardo Deler was gold on vault (9.600), Korea's Lee Joo-Hyung won parallel bars (9.775), and Germany's Andreas Wecker finished first on high bar (9.600).

USA Gymnastics Men's Program Director Ikon Odomson said, "These Grand Prix events are outstanding opportunities for our athletes to gain exposure. We look forward to participating in more of these events in the future."

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By Robin Catalano

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an Interview with
JESSICA HOWARD



1 9 9 9 Rhythmic National Champion **JESSICA HOWARD**, 15, is gaining fans around the world for her easy grace, pretty lines, and wonderful expression. Her impressive finishes at several of the 1999 international events, coupled with her desire to succeed, mean Jessica is poised to lead her team to bigger and better accomplishments in the new millennium. Jessica lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and trains at International Rhythmic Gymnastics with her coach Efrossina Angelova.

Looking back at your first experience at the World Championships and making all-around finals, does it motivate you for the future?

It was amazing to make finals. That was my goal and it was a great experience to compete with the top in the world. I watched and learned. It definitely motivates me for the future.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Leon Posen

The World Championships took place in Tianjin, China, Oct. 8-18. The event was extremely important because the top 12 teams would advance to the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney.

The USA Men's World Championships team included

Blaine Wilson, John Roethlisberger, Yewki Tomita, Sean Townsend, Chris Young, Steve McCann and Jay Thornton as the alternate. Peter Kerasiotes was the head coach and Linda Thomas and Vicky Marinich were the assistant coaches.

The U.S. men turned in solid performances at the World Championships, but were unable to move ahead of strong teams from Asia and Eastern Europe, finishing sixth. The team improved their consistency, scoring higher than their total from the qualifying round.

"Our guys kept fighting," said Yewki Tomita of Gymnastics World in Tacoma, Asia. "I'm most proud of the fact that we scored better in finals than in preliminaries, and that's pretty amazing. We certainly showed everyone that we belonged."

In the end, however, China captured the overall team victory with a total of 238.385 points. Russia was the silver with 228.145, and Belgium the bronze with 227.634. Japan was fourth (225.908), and Korea finished fifth (225.670). The U.S. team accumulated 225.196 points in their effort.

The U.S. team started strong on the vault, and was third after the first rotation. Wilson's 9.725 and Young's 9.675 gave the team an early emotional lift. The team averaged 9.28 on their second event, the pommel horse, and was fifth after the second rotation. Young and Wilson bolstered the U.S. chances during the third rotation on the high bar, scoring a 9.60 and 9.600, respectively. The team was fourth heading into the second half of the evening.

"Our goal was to go out there and hit .39 rotation," said Wilson. "I think we were pretty close to that."

The U.S. team struggled a bit on the floor exercise during the fourth rotation, but came back on pommel horse with three men scoring better than 9.5—Wilson, Kerasiotes and Roethlisberger. Wilson and Roethlisberger stayed strong through the final apparatus, the rings, each scoring 9.612. McCann and Townsend both scored better than 9.5, but the effort was not enough to move ahead of Korea, who scored no less than 9.512 on the vault.

USA WOMEN'S

TEAM (8 to 11)

Jeanelle Antolin,
Bernie Dombrowski,
Jennie Thompson,
Morgan White, Elise Roy,
Kristen Maloney,
and Vanessa Adler



YEWKI TOMITA



BLAINE WILSON ON VAULT

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USA MEN'S TEAM: (back row, l to r) Yevko Tomita, Chris Young, Jay Thomas, Steve McCain, (front row, l to r) John Brinkshagen, Blake Wilson, and Sean Townsend

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and Jason Gutson are among several athletes contributing to www.athletesvoice.com. In the "Athlete's Voice" section of the site, Jason Gutson gives an in-depth and personal account of his road to recovery and his plans for returning in time to compete in Sydney. Unique to athletesvoice.com, the Athlete's Voice is a place where Olympic-caliber athletes can describe, in their own words, their experiences as elite athletes. Through a variety of digital media, including audio, e-mail or online diaries, this section invites fans to be a part of the athletes' experiences to witness their frustrations and fears, their excitement, discipline and distractions both in sport and in their daily lives.

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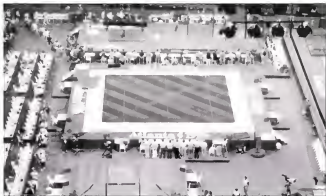
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TALENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

By Gary Warren

The Talent Opportunity Program

better known as TOPP, is in its eighth year and going strong. More than 17000 athletes from all over the country tested the physical abilities portion of the program at the regional level in June and July of 1999. Four hundred of those athletes ages 9-12 were selected to participate in the National TOPP Testings that were held in Phoenix, AZ, and Rochester, NY, in October and November. From those 400 athletes, 84 earned a spot on the TOPP's National Team and qualified to participate in the National TOPP's Camp, held in Tulsa, OK, December 8-12. The National TOPP's Camp was comprised of three days of educational opportunities for both the athletes and her coach on basics, sports science and general development of these talented young athletes. USA Gymnastics' National Coaching staff, along with coaching support personnel and sport science professionals, conducted the camp. The TOPP's program has shown dramatic success over the last eight years with several past TOPP's National Team members currently on the USA National Team.

1999 TOP AVERAGES AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS

1999 PHYSICAL ABILITIES REGIONAL AND NATIONAL TESTING TOP AVERAGES

	ARMWING CRAWL	SHIRT LIFT	SHIRT LIFT	SHIRT LIFT	SHIRT LIFT	SHIRT LIFT	SHIRT LIFT	SHIRT LIFT
	9 yr old	10 yr old	11 yr old	12 yr old	13 yr old	14 yr old	15 yr old	16 yr old
Regional	61.00	8.02	7.21	12.4	7.84	37.98	3.89	68.94
National	12.64	9.18	8.85	35.23	10.09	43.84	3.62	58.43
Regional	12.87	9.42	9.23	39.43	11.11	45.38	3.47	65.39
National	26.48	11.76	11.21	37.12	13.18	50.54	3.56	68.94
Regional	15.29	10.18	9.41	38.74	11.63	46.85	3.36	64.81
National	28.64	11.46	10.87	32.80	12.34	52.62	3.47	61.94
Regional	16.17	10.84	10.88	33.18	12.31	45.45	3.27	66.84
National	28.92	12.31	11.98	34.05	13.48	54.52	3.45	68.87
Regional	15.83	10.83	10.73	33.18	12.41	47.99	3.18	67.88
National	28.14	12.29	12.53	34.15	14.81	47.21	3.26	68.75

Note: Standard Deviation was measured at 10th miles at Regional Testing and was measured in degree of angle at National Testing.

1999 NATIONAL SKILLS TESTING AVERAGES

	Front	Back	Front	Back	Front	Back
	9 yr old	10 yr old	11 yr old	12 yr old	13 yr old	14 yr old
Regional	4.28	5.15	4.52	5.84	6.40	7.12
National	5.40	5.84	6.12	6.93	7.12	7.93
Regional	6.88	6.53	6.15	6.88	6.88	7.12
National	6.71	6.57	6.50	6.41	6.57	6.71



7-8 YEAR OLD

TOP 5 NATIONAL TEAM

Colleen Kitzinger	1	Houston, TX
Marietta Jones	2	San Francisco, CA
Jessie Smith	3	Memphis, TN
Janet Smith	4	Idaho, ID
Kimberly Jones	5	Portland, OR
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9-12 YEAR OLD

TOP 5 NATIONAL TEAM

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Q: *Who did you admire most from the World Championships and why?*
A: I liked Tereza Alexandrova from Bulgaria. She had a hard taking the competition but she was amazing! I watched and definitely the crowd favorite.

Q: *What got you interested in rhythmic? Have you always been athletic?*
A: I did artistic gymnastics from age 3 to 7. I started rhythmic gymnastics when I was 10 because my artistic gymnastics coach recommended that I try it. I did, and I've been hooked ever since!

Q: *What kind of dance background do you have?*
A: I started ballet at the age of three. I have always loved to dance, and rhythmic was a perfect combination.

Q: *Now seem to be a very poised performer. Do you get nervous in competition?*
A: I do get a little nervous. My coach is very helpful with that kind of thing. She says it doesn't matter what competition it is, or who you're performing for, you just have to do it for yourself! She says not to pay attention to the scores, but if she's happy then you should be happy.

Q: *Tell me your training schedule and school schedule for a typical week.*
A: Monday through Friday I wake up at 7:00 a.m. and do school until 11:30 or 12:00, then I train from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Also, four days a week I go to ballet after gymnastics and one day a week I have jazz class after ballet. Any extra school work I may have I do at night after gymnastics. I also have a four or five hour practice on Saturday. My family and I are very involved with church and I spend time with friends going to movies, at the beach, or swimming or stuff like that. I also like messing around with my computer.



Q: Tell me about your school situation?
A: I do a program called Abidington (H) over the computer. I have a tutor via the Internet and my mom and dad help me, too. Although, most of the time I can figure it out myself. I started home schooling in 4th grade and I'm now a 10th grader. It would be very difficult for me to go to school and still train—the number of hours I train so I like home schooling.

Q: I know you come from a religious family. In fact, your father is a bishop. Is your family supportive of you in your sport?
A: They are incredible. I'm the oldest of four children and my family supports me every step of the way. They are always there and I couldn't do it without them.

Q: What are your short-term and long-term goals in gymnastics?
A: For right now I just want to take it one competition at a time. For long-term goals, it has always been a dream of mine to go to the Olympics. But I would like to place well internationally at World and Grand Prix events. It would be wonderful if I could help the U.S. be national in international competition.

Q: How much input do you have into your music, choreography, and costumes?
A: We have got enough! My coach, Christine, always makes sure that we have exactly what we need to do well. She makes sure we both like the music. As for choreography, before we get out our routines, we make up some elements and connections, and then she takes care of the rest. For our costumes, we both come up with some designs and they come together to make a good look.

Q: How do you feel about the current age limit in the sport?
A: I have mixed feelings about this rule. In a way, I think that if a gymnast is good enough then she should be able to go regardless of her age. But, I also feel that if a an older gymnast would have her last chance taken away by someone who has years ahead of them, then the rule is fair.

Q: How do you think the American women stack up to the rest of the world right now?
A: I think the U.S. team has a lot of potential. I think that in the next few years, we have the chance to upgrade our reputation. It is my wish to see the U.S. in competition with the countries that have dominated the sport for so long. I would love to be a part of that.

Q: What changes would you like to see in the sport?
A: I think it would be much more interesting to see new elements back in the sport. I would like to see more expression and dance, too.

Q: Are you planning to add more difficulty to your routines?
A: Oh, yes. I think that we haven't even begun to reach the level of difficulty that I need to compete with the rest of the world. We will be working on more interesting and difficult elements. I don't know what next season holds yet. We'll just take it one competition at a time and see where we end up.

Q: Is it harder to compete internationally now that you are the U.S. National Champion? Do you feel any added pressure?
A: Well, I know that all I have to do is work my hardest, no matter what. It does feel weird going into competitions on top, but we have a really great team and I think we can do well.

Q: At Pan Am, you wound up with the silver by the slimmest of margins—0.01. Were you upset or frustrated by that result?
A: I didn't know that it was that close until a while after the competition. It was so close! But I feel I did my best and that's all I can do. I believe God has a plan for everything, even a .001 silver. It would be nice to change that around in the future, though.

Q: What would you like people to remember about you even after you've retired from the sport?
A: I would like people to think of me as someone who had something special about them—not just another gymnast. I want to be able to draw people into my routines and really leave an impression. With God's help, they will think of me as one of the best.

Q: What lies ahead for you?
A: In sport, the sky is the limit! In life, I would like to please God. I want to do something that makes a difference to people. I don't know what that something is yet, but when the time is right, everything will come together.

PETER KORMANN

named	2000 Olympic Coach
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1976 OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALIST Peter Kennaugh has

MEDALIST Peter Kormann has been named head coach of the 2000 U.S. Olympic men's gymnastics team. Kormann is the USA Gymnastics Men's National Team Coordinator, a position he has held since 1996. He will maintain the coordinator position as well as the Olympic coaching position.

“I believe that Peter’s vast experience as both a coach and a competitor, and his passion for the sport of gymnastics is invaluable as he leads the men to Sydney,” said Bob Colaninno, President of USA Gymnastics.

"I am very honored to have been selected as the 2000 Olympic coach," said Karsaro. "My goal for the team is to bring home a medal. This group of men is talented and experienced, and they are ready to show the world that the U.S. is a true contender."

The role of generalists coach is nothing new to Karmann. He served as head coach of the 1996 men's Olympic Team, and head coach of the 1985, 1987 and 1989 World Championships Teams.



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Konmann coached the 2005 Gold Medal Pacific Alliance Team and the 1994 Bronze Medal Goodwill Games Team, just to name a few.

Kernan was the first USA gymnast since 1960 to win an Olympic medal when he took the bronze in the floor exercise at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. He is a two-time gold medalist at the Pan American Games.

Karmann was a member of 20 U.S. National Teams, earned 20 All-American designations and won eight NCAA individual titles.

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Five Continents Championships

McClure and Haman Win Gold and Silver All-around Medals

By Ann Colburn
Author and Interviewer

An all men's delegation from the U.S., headed to St. Martin, Boulogne, France, October 27-30, for the Five Continents Gymnastics Competition.



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Scott McClure from Mill Creek, Wash., won the all-around with a score of 109.90%. McClure, 18, trains at the U.S. Olympic Training Center and is coached by John Hunt and Vasily Harnitskiy. Paul Harris, 27, from Walsheha, Wis., took second all-around with a score of 104.725. Harris trains at Santa Barbara and is coached by Sheng Huiwen. Harris' twin brother, Morgan, tied for seventh in the all-around with a score of 100.25%.

The competition included comments from China, France, Japan, Great Britain and the United States.

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On Leon Stukelj's 100th birthday last year he was announced as the oldest living Olympic champion. Leon died on Nov. 8, 1999, four days short of his 101st birthday.

Leon is best remembered for winning the Olympic All-Around and High Bar titles at the 1924 Games, competing for Yugoslavia. In the 1928 Olympic Games he earned the gold medal on rings and bronze medals in the all-around and team events, and in 1936 he won the silver medal on rings.

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"We had a good time," said Roethlisberger. "We have a great bunch of guys and we are really proud of what we did. We knew we were an outside shot for a medal, and we went out there and gave it everything we had like the U.S. men do every time. We're one of the top six countries in the world and international gymnastics is more competitive than it's ever been."

The atmosphere in the competition hall was lively. Each country had its representation, with the Chinese making-to-every routine performed by the home team. The U.S. men received well-deserved additional enthusiasm throughout their rotations.

During the all-around finals, Blane just missed earning the all-around bronze medal by 904 points, however, his fourth place finish was the best by a U.S. man since Bart Thomas' silver medal in 1979. Plus, he bested his finish from 1997 when he finished 86th.

"These are all steppingstones for Sydney," said Wilson, 23. "And if this is what it's going to be like, then I'm just going to have to focus on the little things. I'm a little weaker than I should be."

Russia's Nikolai Krut'kov, 20, won the men's all-around title with a score of 57.485. Krut'kov, a member of the 1996 Olympic Gold Medal team, had high scores of 9.715 on vault and 9.712 on parallel bars to stay ahead of Japan's Naoya Takahara who finished second with a score of 57.157. Bulgarian Jordan Jevchev, who trains and coaches at Hart Center Gymnastics in Oklahoma City, Okla., grabbed the bronze medal with a score of 57.012, while Wilson scored 56.211 for the fourth place.

Wilson also made the all-around finals in his first World Championships competition. He had high scores of 9.587 on pommel horse and 9.600 on parallel bars to finish the competition in 25th place with a score of 54.546.

Defending World Champion Ivan Brankov of Belarus fell off the high bar on his first routine, and withdrew from the competition with a pulled groin muscle.

During event finals, Russia's Alexei won two gold medals on floor and pommel horse (9.780 and 9.775). China collected two gold medals as well, one by Dong Jie on rings with a 9.755, and one by Li Xiaopeng on vault with a score of 9.668. Korea's Lee Joo-Hyang won parallel bars with a score of 9.753 and Spain's Jesus Carballo placed first on high bar with a 9.762.

The U.S. women finished 69th after the preliminary team competition but dropped to sixth in the final rankings. Considering the shuffling that took place assembling the U.S. women's team for the World Championships, sixth place wasn't so bad. After



**CHINA
MEN'S
TEAM**

JOHN ROETHLISBERGER



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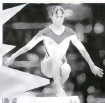
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VANESSA ATLER



ROMANIAN WOMEN'S TEAM



the World Team Trials had concluded, the team was comprised of: Kristin Maloney, Marissa Altier, Jennie Thompson, Eric Hey, Alyssa Beckerman, Jennifer Antolin and alternate Janet Dautschler. However, a few days after the trials, Beckerman had to withdraw from the World Championships competition due to a broken wrist. Dautschler took her place on the team, while Marissa White became the alternate. Once in China, Thompson acquired her left ankle while vaulting in practice and scratched from the competition and White took her place on the team.

The U.S. team was young and inexperienced, with only Maloney having World Championships competition experience—the other five gymnasts were competing in their first World Championships event.

"As a team, we had a few mistakes, but I think we came in here more focused than the other night," said two-time national champion Maloney after team finals. "I came in here to do the best that I could for the team. It just wasn't there tonight. Hopefully we can come back next year."

"I think we did a great job as a team," added Hey. "There were a lot of distractions and things that we weren't expecting, but overall, we stayed determined on what we had to do. It's all a learning experience."

Romania narrowly won their fourth consecutive team title with a score of 150.527 when Svetlana Khorkina, 1997 World Champion from Russia, led off the beam. Russia finished a close second with a 150.396 and China was third with a 151.423. Rounding out the top six were Finland in fourth (152.346), Australia in fifth (156.835) and the USA in sixth (160.313). The USA also finished sixth in 1997.

During preliminary team competition, which was the qualifying event for the all-around and event finals, Altier finished seventh as the all-around, Hey won 12th and Maloney 15th, earning three spots in the all-around finals.

Hey did a great job, scoring 9.340 on vault, 9.687 on bars, 9.375 on beam and 9.642 on floor to score 38.047 in the all-around finals and finish in eighth place. She said, "It was such an exciting experience. You really can't leave that and you're really not there, and it just went to do it all over again."

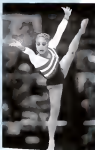
Unfortunately, Altier was battling a wrist sprain which affected her performance and Maloney was forced to scratch from the competition when she injured her knee in practice.

Romania's Maria Olaru, 17, took the all-around gold with a score of 38.774 while Ukraine's Yekaterina Karpukina took the silver, 38.765, and Russia's Elena Zerkalchikova won bronze with a 38.687.

Olaru said, "I don't believe it, as you can I am the world champion." She won, she said, because, "I was simply more stable."

Hey qualified to event finals on bars and took seventh with a score of 9.687. Maloney qualified to beam finals and Altier was the first alternate, but both scratched due to injuries. Again, Altier and Maloney qualified to floor finals in fifth and sixth positions, respectively, but both scratched from the competition.

Zerkalchikova won vault with a 9.716, while Khorkina took gold on bars with a 9.857. China's Jo Long took first on beam with a 9.775 and Romania's Andreea Raducanu won first on floor with a 9.857.



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HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE:
Jacksonville, Florida

DATE OF BIRTH:
February 28, 1985

CLUB: International Rhythmic
Gymnastics

COACH: Ekaterina Artyushina
SCHOOL: The Gables School—
8th grade

BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1999

FAVORITE EVENT: Ribbon

HOBBIES: Swimming, dancing, comic books
Lindsay won the 1999 Junior Rhythmic National Championships. She also won two gold medals, a silver and two bronzes at the 1999 Four Continents Championships. Lindsay started the role of "Dora" in the 1999 production of the Nutcracker with the Jacksonville Symphony. Lindsay has a younger sister and brother.

ERIN JEFFRESS
HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE:
Rockville, Maryland

DATE OF BIRTH: June 23, 1985

CLUB: Rhythmic

COACH: Olga Kutsenko

SCHOOL: Gov. S. Wood Middle
School—8th grade

BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1992

FAVORITE EVENT: Clubs

HOBBIES: Reading, listening
to music, watching TV,
spending time with family

Erin took 8th all-around at the 1999 Four Continents Championships. She won the silver medal in the all-around at the 1999 Rhythmic Junior National Championships. Erin's older sister, Kira, is a member of the Rhythmic Senior National Team.

ALEXANDRA HAIN
HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE:
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

DATE OF BIRTH: July 17, 1985

CLUB: Oakland Rhythmic

COACH: Charlene Nigro, Irene Vagstad

SCHOOL: Derby Middle School—
8th grade

BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1994

FAVORITE EVENT: All

Alexandra was a member of the third-place team at the 1999 Four Continents Championships. She also won the all-around bronze medal at the 1999 Rhythmic Junior National Championships and took third in rope, ball and clubs. Alexandra traveled to Portugal in 1999 for the All Europe International de Portugal competition.

MARISSA PIERCE
HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE:
Highland Park, Illinois

DATE OF BIRTH:
November 25, 1985

CLUB: Illinois Rhythmic
Gymnastics Center

COACH: Irene Vagstad

Natalia Hribok

SCHOOL: Edgewood Middle
School—7th grade

BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1999

FAVORITE EVENT: Clubs

HOBBIES: Ballet and cheerleading
Marissa took fourth all-around in the junior group event at the 1999 Four Continents Championships. She also placed fourth all-around at the 1999 Rhythmic Junior National Championships.

JACQUELYN JAMPOLSKY
HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE:
San Rafael, California

DATE OF BIRTH: August 4, 1985

CLUB: MIRA

COACH: Brooke Bushnet

SCHOOL: Marin Primary and
Middle School—7th grade

BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1994

FAVORITE EVENT: Clubs

HOBBIES: Anything athletic
especially mountain biking,
running, skiing and soccer
Jacquelyn took 8th all-around at the 1999 Rhythmic Junior National Championships.

BRENNAN STACKER
HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE:
Lincolnshire, Illinois

DATE OF
BIRTH:

January 3, 1987

CLUB: Illinois Rhythmic

Gymnastics Center

COACH: Irene Vagstad

Natalia Hribok

SCHOOL: Deerfield Heights Junior

High—8th grade

BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1993

FAVORITE EVENT: Clubs

HOBBIES: Swimming, reading
and ballet
Brennan took fourth all-around in the junior group event at the 1999 Four Continents Championships. She also placed sixth all-around at the 1999 Rhythmic Junior National Championships.

VALERY KHARINA
HOMETOWN & RESIDENCE:
Skokie, Illinois

DATE OF BIRTH: August 3, 1985

CLUB: Illinois Rhythmic

COACH: Irene Vagstad/Natalia

Hribok

SCHOOL: Oak Orchard Junior High

—8th grade

BEGAN GYMNASTICS: 1990

FAVORITE EVENT: Hoop and

clubs

HOBBIES: Reading, drawing,
ballet and writing
Valery took fourth all-around in the junior group event at the 1999 Four Continents Championships. She also placed seventh all-around at the 1999 Rhythmic Junior National Championships.

**EMILY
TABINSKI**

HOMETOWN &

RESIDENCE:

Olney, Maryland

DATE OF BIRTH:

January 13, 1987

CLUB: Rhythmic

COACH:

Olga Kutsenko

SCHOOL: William H.

Fingerhut Middle

School—6th grade

BEGAN

GYMNASTICS:

1997

FAVORITE EVENT:

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HOBBIES:

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and beanie babies

playing outdoors

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all-around at the

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